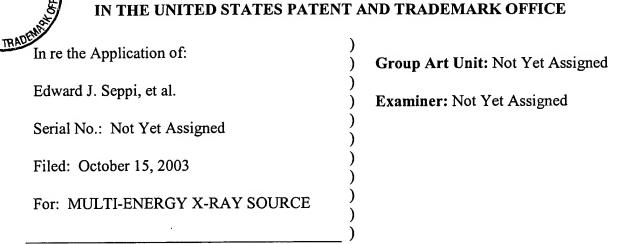
DECLARATION

I, Edward J. Seppi, hereby declare that I am more than 65 years of age.

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c)

M/S: Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make the above-identified application special and requests the application to be advanced out of turn for examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c). Applicant submits that an application may be made special upon filing a petition including any evidence showing that an applicant is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or applicant's statement. M.P.E.P. 708.02 (IV). Enclosed with this petition is Applicant's declaration, indicating that Applicant's age is more than 65 years of age. No fee is believed required with this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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